

Town of Tiverton  
Economic Development Commission  
343 Highland Road  
Tiverton, RI 02878

**Meeting Minutes**

Organization: Economic Development Commission  
Date and Time: Thursday, April 6, 2015 @ 6:00 PM  
Location: Tiverton Town Hall  
343 Highland Road  
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Meeting was called to order by Scott Humphrey at 6:05PM.

Members present- Scott Humphrey, Melissa Hutchinson, Susan Gill, Jon Cottrell, Renee Jones.

**Item #1 Approval of minutes**

The minutes from March 12, 2015 were reviewed. A motion was made by S. Gill to approve the minutes, second by J. Cottrell, vote unanimous to approve.

**Item #2 Town Meeting updates**

Harbor Commission- J. Cottrell discussion: 1) State mooring fee legislation in progress and Harbor Commission's opposition, 2) Stone Bridge abutment repair, jeopardy of entire harbor if it fails before work is done, 3) Stafford Pond and water rights discussed, possibly a substantial increase in price of water for Tiverton residents when current agreement expires with Fall River.

Planning Board- R. Jones discussion: 1) Special meetings for Carpionato project, public comment portion closed with Planning Board deliberations now in progress- Positive findings to be sent to Town Council for MUDD zoning and Comprehensive Plan amendments 2) Viti light issue on Sousa Road discussed, adjustments will be made to reduce spillage to neighborhood.

Recreation- S. Gill: Summer programs for youth in final stages of planning and fee schedule presentation to be made to the Council

Town Council- S. Gill: 1) New Restaurant opening at 524 Main Road, Sakonnet River Grille, 2) Four Corners zoning issues referred to Planning Board for review re: shared parking, outdoor events and dimensional variance applications, 3) Kayak and SUP bid awarded for summer season at Fogland to Osprey Sea Kayaks of Westport, 4) BYOB ordinance still under review by solicitor, 5) Volvo Ocean Race in Newport May 5-17<sup>th</sup>.

Four Corners Merchant Association- S. Gill: Plans for Nestival and scholarship for a Tiverton senior in the arts or business field, matching funds from the association for funds raised.

Zoning Board- M. Huthinson: no new activity.

Wastewater- J. Cottrell: First phase of sewers scheduled for Robert Gray and Riverside, a meeting will be held in May to vote

**Item #3 Old Business**

Annual report presented to Council in March by S. Humphrey, program of work reviewed

**Item #3B Meeting with Administrator and Planner**

1)S. Humphrey-Five thousand dollars earmarked for regional economic development ( in FY 2016 budget) with Newport County, matching funds with a Van Buren grant, the plan is to centralize the economic development coordinator 2) M. Rosseau is requesting funding for a complete appraisal of the Business Park, land value and best use assessment, he is also meeting with the Tax Assessor to begin work on a 5-10 year fiscal plan and its projected impact on the town.

**Item #4 Program of Work review**

Discussion by all members how to approach specific items

1)R. Jones would like to focus on North Tiverton, how to beautify and hold informal conversations with business owners to learn their issues, 2)M. Huthinson will use the facebook page to stimulate the conversation in the community, 3)J. Cottrell discussed two potential grant possibilities with CDBG for funding of the area.

**Item #5 Next scheduled meeting**

Thursday, May 14, place to be determined.

**Item #6 Adjournment**

A motion was made by J. Cottrell to adjourn the meeting, second by S. Humphrey, unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Submitted by: Susan Gill

Approved: